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PIKE, THOMAS P.: Papers, 1952-68

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Thomas P. Pike was born in California in 1909 and attended Stanford University. In 1938 he organized his own oil drilling company which eventually became one of the largest oil drilling companies in California. Pike was also active in Republican politics. He supported Dwight D. Eisenhower during the 1952 campaign and served as chairman of the California State Republican Finance Committee. After Eisenhower became president he appointed Pike to the Department of Defense where Pike specialized in supply and logistical matters. Pike resigned from the Defense Department in 1956 but continued to work part time for another two years as a special assistant to the Secretary of Defense and President Eisenhower.

The papers of Thomas P. Pike consist of electrostatic copies of his personal correspondence with Dwight D. Eisenhower. Most of letters date from the period from 1960 to 1968 after Pike had left the White House staff. The letters are largely of a routine social nature and contain no information on Pike's duties during the Eisenhower administration. A separate collection, the Thomas P. Pike Records, contains Pike's office files from the White House.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

August 12, 1909	Born in Los Angeles, California
1931	B.A., Stanford University
1931-38	Associated with the Republic Supply Company in California
1938-53	Formed and headed the Thomas P. Pike Drilling Company
1953	Chairman, Republican Finance Committee, State of California
1953-54	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Supply and Logistics
1954-56	Assistant Secretary of Defense
1956, 1958	Special Assistant to the President
1957-58	Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense
Other:	Founder and director, Alcoholism Council of Greater Los Angeles Trustee, Council of Profit Sharing Industries Chairman of Board of Trustees, Stanford University
July 30, 1993	Died in Pasadena, California

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